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Veteran bikers rev up for healing

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Veteran cyclists from New York roll into Concho to come together with Cheyenne and Arapaho veterans for the first time.

On June 12, 2013 the USMVMC NY 4 Group, headed by President Bill Barber, aka Bomber and comedian P. J. Walsh honored the veterans of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes at the Native American Church in Concho, Okla.

For Walsh humor has become its own healing agent, for not only veterans and their families, but also active military personnel. He has done over 15 trips overseas to entertain troops in war zones and on bases. Bomber flexes his bravery as he goes public about his own Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in an effort to help others manage and even heal from the effects of war.

"This ride is life-changing for me," Bomber said as tears flowed from his eyes as he struggled to continue. "We are losing too many of our military men and women who have turned to suicide for relief of PTSD and other personal struggles. I, myself battle with PTSD and have had the desire to take my own life. One day I was taking care of my granddaughter, I had laid her down to sleep and turned off the baby monitor, went into the other room, held a gun to my head, and suddenly the monitor had went off. I ran to check on her and she was sound asleep. That was when I realized that she needed me and my family needed me."

Kim Blacklock, H.G. Fairfield Arts president said this was the first time a U.S. Military groups had visited a Native Nation.

"We are proud to present Navy Veteran, Walsh, he will be doing his stand up comedy on June 15 at the National President's meeting of the U.S. Military Veterans Motorcycle Club in San Antonio, Texas. We began this cross-country trek June 10 following Wurtsboro, New York's USMVMC NY 4 to Texas. We wanted to stop here along the way to gather together in hopes that the Cheyenne and Arapaho people would be willing to share their practices with us. The success of the healing for your own veterans that have returned home from war is encouraging," Blacklock said.

Blacklock stated that the Cheyenne had sent 300 of their own people over to Vietnam and 300 came back.

The tribes' clans and societies are steeped in their prayer and practices, preparing those for war and also preparing them for successful re-integration into civilian society upon their return.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

The USMVMC NY 4 of Wurtsboro, NY military motorcyclists club ride into Concho, Okla. to gather with the Cheyenne and Arapaho veterans.

"With the sheer numbers of returning service men and women and the overwhelming statistics of those diagnosed with PTSD, along with the veteran suicides throwing families into the depth of grief, it is clear more help is needed to address these issues," Blacklock said. "This meeting is the first step towards the process of healing our military service men and women."

The entire tour is being filmed as part of a feature documentary aimed at saving veterans called, *Bomber, PJ and Beartrack*.

Harvey Beartrack, Cheyenne, Marine and a Vietnam War combat veteran welcomed and honored the USMVMC NY 4 of Wurtsboro, NY and comedian Walsh after the group saluted him and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Color Guard.

"I met Kim in New Mexico and she asked me if she could come here and bring this group of great men to pray and help them along in the process of healing," Beartrack said. "I work and counsel with our veterans to help them with PTSD. The suicide rate among our veterans is one an hour. This is the beginning of many meetings and I will be working with Kim with setting up satellite places around the country to help heal and restore our service men and women's hearts."

Bill Barber "Bomber" honors Harvey Beartrack with a gift for his service as a Marine and combat in the Vietnam War.

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Four-day conference centers on youth

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Dept. of Education, lead language teacher, Joyce Twins asks students to speak phrases in Cheyenne during the second annual Youth Empowerment Conference in Weatherford, Okla.

"How do you say come here in Cheyenne?" Joyce Twins, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Dept. of Education (DOE), lead language teacher asked.

Hands shoot up in the air from kids, each knowing the answer.

Next Kenzie Grubitz, DOE asked, "How do you say be quiet in Arapaho?"

Again hands shot up in the air from kids wanting to speak the phrase in Arapaho.

Word after word, phrase after phrase, students successfully translated them into the Arapaho and Cheyenne languages. For each correct pronunciation a t-shirt was awarded.

Over 130 high school students attended the second annual Youth Empowerment Conference held June 18-21, 2013 on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

The students were able to experience dorm living, life on campus and were given tours through the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, giving them information and options for higher education.

In the 2013 Guide to Empowerment each student received at the opening orientation, Executive Director of Education, Teresa Dorsett wrote, "During the conference you will learn some valuable tools and information that will help you navigate through your school years. It's tough being a teenager in today's society and often times our youth are not prepared for the many decisions they are faced with on a daily basis. The messages and information that you will hear at this conference will help you to make good decisions when dealing with peer pressure, drug and alcohol choices, your education, your relationships and other issues you are faced with. It will also help you to learn who you are as a Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen and that there is much pride, honor and tradition in being Cheyenne and Arapaho."

Each day the students were engaged in workshops, group activities, listened to guest speakers and guest entertainers, and also were able to compete in a talent show and orchestrated their own mini powwow program.

On Tuesday, keynote speaker, David Deere spoke about the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol, sharing his own tragic story of his son dying in an alcohol related car accident. Following Deere's presentation, Cecil Gray and J.R. Lonelodge entertained the students with a Fancy Dance exhibition.

"I am here to learn how to have a better life and I think that's what this is all about, to have a better life and I have really enjoyed the speakers," Kaylin Naranjo, 14 year old from Clinton, Okla. said.

Wednesday's motivational speaker, Chance Rush, Cloudboy Consulting, captivated the students with his funny, powerful presentation focusing on the importance of a spiritual life.

"I am going to ask you young people a question, how many of you, just be completely honest, how many of you pray every morning, just think about that for a minute," Rush said. "Now parents I want you to think about this, we are in a situation amongst the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe where we have to bring leadership, true leadership back to who we are and I am going to talk to you young people today about some steps to get you where you want to go and to be leaders for our tribe. I am not going to talk to you about

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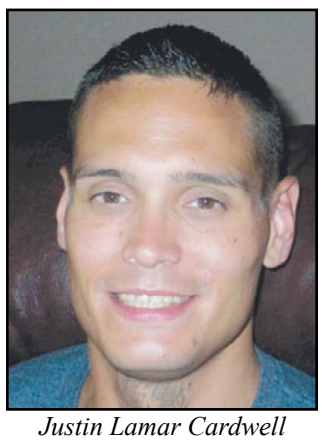
Motorcycle accident ends in one fatality critically injuring another

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

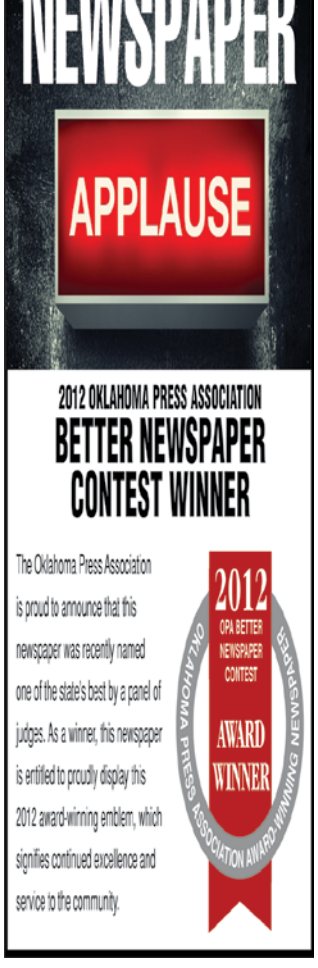


Justin Lamar Cardwell

A motorcyle accident that occurred on the evening of Sunday, June 23, 2013 in Watonga, Okla., killed 32 year old Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Justin Lamar Cardwell and critically injured his younger brother, 28-year old Ryan Cardwell.

Justin, who was the driver of the 2006 Kawasaki Sport Bike died at the scene with massive head injuries after failing to yield and collided with a 2008 Ford pickup driven by Joe Flynn, 56, of Watonga.

Ryan was taken, by Mediflight, to the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City where he has undergone several surgeries.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The man behind the multi-million dollar company

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

"What do I know, I am just an 'NDN' boy from Hammon, Okla."

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Brenco Industrial Services, LLC, based out of Dallas, Texas is a multi-million dollar company well known throughout the country.

There has been much written about Brenco Industrial Services and its many awards. American Indian Company of the Year, Native American Business of the Year, E200 SBA Emerging 200 award, NCTRCA 2008 Minority Company, the Dallas Business Journal Minority Business Leadership award, only to name a few.

If you have ever visited Dallas and rode the light rail system, then you, too, have experienced Brenco's work. Brenco, contracted by Siemen's, built the transfer power substations that delivers power to these light rail vehicles.

But what about Brenco's founding owner, Steve Cardwell, the man behind the company?

Small town Indian boy from Hammon, Okla., to owner/president of a multi-million dollar company … this is his story, the story of his journey.

Cardwell, Cheyenne, is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and will be the first to tell you, "What do I know … I am just an 'NDN' boy from Hammon, Okla."

Cardwell was born September 1964 in Hammon, Okla., to Marcy Whiteshield. He has three brothers, Jason, Jeff and Sam. His great-great grandfather is Cheyenne Peace Chief, Ben Whiteshield, his grandfather is Henry Whiteshield, a member of the Elk clan, and his grandmother is Blanche Whiteshield.

His mother, a single working mom, in a day and time where single mothers were few and far between, raised him; "My mom was a single mom raising four boys back when people didn't hear about single moms. She was college educated and growing up was tough because our relatives thought she was a sell-out and thought we were trying to be white. She was ahead of her time, so because of that everyone thought something must have been wrong with her," Cardwell said shaking his head. He laughed and said, "My mom is my hero and I have loyalty to my mom. I will take care of her until she takes her last breath. My mom is a psych major and sometimes she still thinks I am that little Indian boy that still needs to have a lecture or guidance. She worked with troubled Indian kids and I have been around troubled Indian kids my whole life … I guess that's where some of the 'I want to help kids,' no not really help, make a difference in kids' lives comes from. Helping and making an impact in a kid's life is two different things."

Steve Cardwell when he worked in the oil fields in Cheyenne, Okla.

According to Marcy, her son was always on the move, always into doing something.

"I used to call him Ironman because it was just the way he was, so independent. His grandmother used to say 'Steve is so independent,' and he was. I can remember he was just little, maybe 6 or 7 and my parents came to visit and he came out of the kitchen with a bowl of beans to offer my parents … kids don't do that, they don't think about offering food," Marcy said. "It was all we had, but he thought about offering. I was their main parent figure and I provided for them, I worked hard, sometimes two jobs. Steve has always been so kind and hospitable and caring, not just for his family, but for everyone he meets … I think he was born that way. I used to tell Steve, before the business got big, Steve it's going to change your personality, but it really hasn't, he is still the same loving, kind and caring person he was before."

By age 11, Cardwell was living and going to school in Weatherford, Okla.

"I was cooking my own meals in Weatherford, getting on the bus for school and staying out of trouble. My mom was working at Riverside (Indian School) at the time and she didn't want to send me to Concho (Indian School) because of her experience at boarding schools, so I told her I could do it, stay at home by myself and I would be okay. My brother was going to Southwestern at the time, so my mom thought he could come in and check on me and it would all be okay … this was the days before cell phones and pagers," Cardwell laughed and said, "Of course my brother didn't check on me, man he was in college you know, doing his thing, but people shudder when I say I was 11 years old staying at home by myself, but I was that responsible and independent and I told my mom I could do it and stay out of trouble and I did. Now there were many days I wore dirty, wrinkled clothes to school and got made fun of, even by the Indians, but I couldn't tell anyone my story. I couldn't say, 'dude I played all day after I got home from school and doing laundry isn't one of my things,' because I couldn't tell anyone that I was living there by myself because CPS (Child Protective Services) would step in so I kept the secret."

Cardwell sat back in his chair, gave a laugh, which he does often and said, "You do what you have to do as a family because my mom was the only breadwinner."

Cardwell said he thanks the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Act because without them he would not have been able to play sports and that it was sports that saved him.

"I tell kids, yeah I had it rough growing up too, but you don't have to turn to drugs, sniffing glue, and paint, because I didn't. Sports is what will set you free … I am a direct result of the Johnson O'Malley because without them I couldn't of played sports and sports is what saved my life growing up. I rose above my childhood by playing sports. Sports taught me not only how to win, it also taught me how to lose and you need to learn how to lose, because you are going to lose a lot more times in life than win, especially for people who come up poor and from the rez … so you need to know how to lose," Cardwell said.

However, Cardwell still found himself not really fitting in during his school years.

"I played sports, but I didn't fit in with the jocks and I didn't fit in with the Indians, the few that were in Weatherford at that time. I hung out with a group that were not jocks, nor brainy acts or nerds, they were just some guys that came from families with a lot of money. These other guys had the new cars … they had things, but they still looked up to me because I wasn't afraid to stand up for myself, I could take care of myself," Cardwell said. "We would all go to Pizza Hut during lunch and they would get the buffet, which was about five bucks back then, but I didn't have five bucks so I would sit there and pretend like I wasn't hungry because I didn't have any money and I didn't want to take any food from them because I didn't want to be a beggar and you know that kind of stuff will eventually leave a mark on ya."

What Cardwell realized was when he was on the field playing sports, be it football or baseball, the other kids seemed to accept him ... he was part of a team.

"I played baseball on this traveling team in the summer, I had a gift for baseball though I didn't have anyone to coach me or anything, I just had this God given gift … anyway everyone had these car groups they rode with to games, but no one ever picked me to ride in their group because I was the only Indian on the team so I had to ride with the coach. You know, AM radio, no air conditioning, driving, not two words between us," Cardwell said laughing. "My family never went to any of my games, my mom was busy, but I never will forget being in Clinton and my coach was watching me pitch and told me I was going to start against Clinton and none of my family was there to support me, but then I looked around at all my teammates and I found it very odd, they were supporting me like crazy. I am thinking, 'man I am the man right now.' I wasn't used to that, they would pick me up and carry me off the field and this left a mark on me. It was about 5th or 6th grade and I remember thinking, man these white kids accepted me because of what I was doing for the team. This taught me about teamwork and leadership that would help me later in my business, though I didn't know that at the time."

Cardwell also learned that politics would only get a person so far in sports. Coaches wanted to win and he said, "Though I was still the 'dirty little Indian with long hair', I could play and the coach knew I could play, so I played."

Sports also taught Cardwell discipline and to accept punishment, which he said will lead to character building.

"Sports created by abilities to overcome challenges in my life and sports will bring out character, if you've got any. I certainly know how to lose and I know there will be another game … 'give me another chance coach and I won't let you down.' I tell my daughters and my men working for me, it's really not a mistake unless you do the same thing twice. You might screw up once, but its not a mistake if you learn from it," Cardwell said, pausing a moment, smiling. "I would watch my three older brothers, man and they would do things that I thought, man that looked like it hurt, like back talking my mom, so I learned from their mistakes. I kind of learned what not to do from my brothers and others around me. I want everyone else to make the mistake for me because I hate it when I mess up and it's so much easier to learn from their mistakes, when it doesn't affect you directly. When you are a little kid you call this growing up but when you are an adult you call it reinventing yourself."

At 14 years of age, Cardwell decided he was sick and tired of being poor, and to reinvent himself he went to work in the oil fields as a roustabout, "doing really nasty dirty jobs no one else would do. The drive to not be poor drove me then and still drives me today."

He would remain in the oil field industry for ten years, climbing the ladder quickly, until after a series of strange events, Cardwell decided he needed to leave the oil field.

"There was a series of catastrophic events that led me to believe that I needed to leave the oil field while I had my limbs and my life. I climbed that ladder fast and the company never laid me off even during the hardest time in the oil industry, they had the old timers come work for me that had been in the oil field longer than I had been alive … then I got divorced from my first wife and from there I went into a black cloud, bad luck, something, I don't know what you call it, but there were a series of events that were so profound that they changed my life course and blew me off course. The first one was my divorce from my first wife, but I was very stable in my career, and boy I was on top of the world man, I had so much going for me, money,

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Judge rules to cancel special Tribal Council meetings

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Friday, June 21, 2013, Judge Charles Schindler ruled to cancel two special Tribal Council meetings citing a conflict of interest due to Cheyenne and Arapaho ceremonies.

The Concho based special Tribal Council meeting was scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla.

The El Reno based special Tribal Council meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla.

In spite of the judge's ruling, the special Tribal Council meeting in El Reno, Okla., called for by Rachel Lynn, Darrell Flyingman and four members of the 3rd Legislature, proceeded and passed the two resolutions on their agenda.

Flyingman stated that he does not recognize the court based out of Concho, Okla. as being a valid court and refused to cancel the special Tribal Council meeting.

The first resolution to reaffirm the 2010 election commission, chaired by Fred Blackbear, passed after three amendments. The first amendment was to change the 2010 election commission to 2012 election commission. The second amendment was to name Supreme Court Judge Enid K. Boles to swear in newly elected tribal officials and to add "or her designee" in the event of an illness, and the third amendment was to strike a reference to a "condensed election schedule" from the resolution. The resolution refers to Leslie Wandrie-Harjo as the governor and authorizes her to execute any contracts necessary to conduct elections and to use any means necessary to acquire funding.

The second resolution passed was to support a resolution passed by the 3rd Legislature calling for a per capita payment to tribal members from settlement funds in the *Nez Perce v. Salazar* class action lawsuit over BIA mismanagement of trust funds.

The Concho based special Tribal Council meeting was called by tribal member Vera Franklin, sponsored by a petition of 150 confirmed signatures of tribal members and submitted to Tribal Council Coordinator, Lisa Martin, however, the meeting did not take place due to the court ruling.

The items that were to be heard at the Concho Special Tribal Council meeting were 1) Resolution to select (8) eight election commission members to conduct the 2013 General Election in accordance with the Constitution, 2) Resolution to appoint a "Special Tribal Court Judge" to administer the oaths of office for the 2013 Newly Elected Officials and 3) Resolution authorizing the "Election Commission Chairperson" to execute any contracts necessary to conduct the Tribes' 2013 election.

Each of these resolutions were in accordance with a request made by The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in order for the BIA to 'oversee and monitor' the 2013 General Election.

Evidence was presented at the court hearing in the form of a letter from the Arrow Keeper, who stated that 'neither Tribal Council meeting would violate any ceremonies and that the ceremonies did not begin until June 26', however, the judge ruled to cancel both meetings.

Franklin said she plans to appeal the ruling and also to circulate a new petition for another tribal council meeting after the ceremonies, in August.

Franklin also said she and others had gone to the Cheyenne Arrow Keeper's residence in Longdale, Okla., on June 17 and asked if the meeting would interfere with the ceremonies.

"He said to go on with the meeting because it was needed," Franklin stated to the Watonga Republican. "He said they're using me and he would pray for us and he would pray for the meeting. He said moving into camp doesn't mean the ceremonies have started."

Flyingman and the election commission, chaired by Fred Blackbear based out of El Reno, Okla., continue to instruct individuals to mail ballots and voter registrations to an address in Weatherford, Okla.

Whereas, the election commission, chaired by Stephanie Meat based out of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla., identifies themselves as the "Official" election commission and are instructing individuals to mail all ballots and voter registrations to their official address, Election Commission, P.O. Box 89, Concho, Okla. 73022.

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- Charles Surveyor
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Table Trac, Inc. signs deal with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma for new casino

MINNETONKA, MN-Table Trac, Inc. a developer and provider of casino information and management systems that automate and monitor the operations of casinos, announced that it will provide the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe with a casino management system at its newest casino gaming center in Concho, Okla.

Table Trac will be providing the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma with a complete casino management system under the CasinoTrac suite of management tools, including slot accounting, patron management, player tracking, as well as PromoTrac and KioskTrac, Table Trac's unique revenue driving marketing and promotional products.

"Table Trac has worked very closely with us over the years and we are excited to continue our working relationship and look forward to deploying their latest casino management system at this new gaming venue," said Chris Derenzo, Vice President of Casino Operations, Cheyenne and Arapaho Lucky Star Casinos.

Table Trac has been providing casino management systems to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe since 2008. This new property will mark the fifth Cheyenne and Arapaho gaming venue operating the CasinoTrac suite of casino management products.

"We welcome this opportunity to further our relationship with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma and are equally excited by the strategic growth and development that the Tribe has demonstrated over the years," said Glenn Goulet, Chief Executive Officer of Table Trac. "We are confident in the new revenue-driving features and operational efficiencies that our latest casino management system provides and we look forward to working closely with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to develop new technologies that will strengthen their position as one of the premier gaming operators in this region."

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Coyote Thoughts: Wisdom or crab apples

By Beau Washington, Contributing Writer

Okay. I admit it. I like Facebook. I enjoy keeping up with my friends, seeing their pictures and sharing a little bit in their lives. I have mixed thoughts on the quotations that are posted. One I like is 'Thoughts are like seeds.' Meaning, when you plant crab apples, don't expect to harvest anything but crabapples. These are wise words that have been said repeatedly in different ways.

Most of the posts are good quotations, interesting thoughts, but how do you do anything about it? I suppose it is like the old Mark Twain line, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

When I was younger and worrying about something, somebody would tell me, "Beau, don't think about it."

Good sound advice, but how the heck do I that? Saying it is easy, but knowing how to do it is another thing. It becomes frustrating. Why couldn't I just stopping thinking about problems? Is there something wrong with me? So I just asked Beth (my wife) about that, and, well, I think I will leave her out of this edition.

One of the problems with mental health is that we have a tendency to look at the overall forest rather than the individual trees (the grownup seeds). Rather than seeing weedy seeds, I view the problem coming from Trickster Thoughts. These are the thoughts that trick us into believing that they are true and accurate when they are not. The Tricksters may lead us away from enjoying the most out of life and they cause us to think on way too many problems.

Often we think of wisdom as accompanying growing older and as a result, wiser. There are several definitions of wisdom and the one I will use here means having good sense and judgment. The good sense to avoid problems before they happen; the good sense to realize that Trickster Thoughts interfere with wisdom; and the good sense to realize when to let go of problems. Can something be done to fix the problem, or is it time to let it go? A person can't be wise when they believe the Trickster Thoughts. Perhaps it can happen occasionally, but I don't think so.

The other day I heard Carole King's song, *"Beautiful,"* which has a line that states, *"You're going to find, yes you will, that you're beautiful as you feel."* As any Coyote Thoughts reader knows, thoughts generally cause feelings. Trickster Thoughts get in the way of what we think of ourselves, resulting in how we feel. Many times I see people who don't see the good in themselves. It is common in people who get depressed.

One Trickster Thought I haven't talked about in my other columns is "Discounting the Positive." Sometimes it is confused with being humble.

Here is how it happens. Let's say that Beth likes something I made, and she says, "Wow, that is really nice, Beau," and I think, "You are just saying that because you are my wife and you want to make me happy, when it is not true that what I made is beautiful."

Thinking that way chips away at our being piece by piece. Generally what I make is pretty good, so that thought is wrong or at least not accurate. Once in a while I will compliment someone on their work or project and they will say, "It is not that good. Look at this part that is bad."

A friend of ours who is a great cook brought us a wonderful dinner. Beth thanked her the next day, telling her how delicious it was and our friend replied, "You liked it so much only because you were hungry." This is a little different form of the Trickster, but a Trickster never the less. Our friend always makes wonderful food.

It is important to recognize when you have done something well, because it will help you feel the way you are supposed to feel. Being aware about who you are and what you do is part of wisdom. You are better than you think you are. So, what is it going to be, wisdom or crab apples?

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respect … the future was just wide open then I got divorced, I went into this dark place until I got with Brenda, my second wife. We started dating and life rolled along. One day I had to go to the Indian Hospital, I had a tooth giving me problems and they said 'you have impacted wisdom teeth and we're going to send you to an oral surgeon'. The oral surgeon said, 'Mr. Cardwell, you have one that's going to give you problems and the other three are coming in really crooked, so we are just going to take all four of them out'. I said, all right, no big deal, but little did I know this operation would change my life. Of course some people die just getting their tonsils out. So I go to this guy for my surgery, and I don't remember much about the surgery except I remember coming to, they were shoving me out in the alley and Brenda pulls up in my truck, screeching to a halt, like in the movies, you know. The door opens and they shove me in the truck and she takes off and that's all I really remember. I am all doped up on pain meds and apparently I had woken up during the surgery and I busted those straps that hold your arms in and I started fighting them. Brenda said she was out in the lobby and she heard me yell 'oh shit!' and then all she could hear was hell breaking loose and she was out in the waiting room," Cardwell recalled shaking his head and laughing. "They come and grab her and I really don't know if they hit me up with more medicine or what, but I came to in the truck and she says they got the surgery done, but the doctor had an emergency, a guy was involved in a head on collision and he had to go rebuild this guy's face, so they rushed to get me out. So we are on our way back to Weatherford and Brenda gets a call that her dad was in a head on collision and it was him that that doctor had to rush to get to. He was in intensive care in Enid and that dude, the doctor, was on his way to fix his face. You talk about a freakish deal. A boy who was an OU student had fallen asleep and they had hit head on. It killed that kid and her dad and his buddy wasn't wearing seatbelts so his face hit the dash and it crushed his face."

Well, he said, that started a chain of events because what followed was even more freakish.

"I worked for a company that worked seven days a week, no days off, and my mouth was so swollen from the surgery, my cheeks were so round, and my eyes were shut. So I couldn't go to work, well in a situation like that, the drilling foreman has to stay over and cover for me, so after the second day I was going to lose my job, you know, so even though on severe paid medication, completely out of it, I went to work and tried to work. There were some things that happen, that really were not in my control, though I wonder, to this day, if I had not been so traumatized and doped up I would have caught it … I was so sick that Brenda had to come to work with me to give me my medication, throwing up and disoriented. We were out by Cheyenne, drilling. When I got to work everything was fine, the instrumentation showed everything to be running the same as it had been the last three hours prior to me getting there, so I am just babysitting at this point, trying to get through my shift. All my instrumentation read, 'hey everything's fine", so there is nobody supervising, your job is to take care of that rig while they are gone. So we are sitting there and lo and behold about an hour before my shift ends I heard these engines make this weird noise and started idling real fast. I rushed outside there and my pump pressure went to zero and normally you'd be drilling with about 2300 PSI and when it goes to zero, you know right away, there is either a hole in the drill pipe or you just twisted it off and broke in half. I went 'oh shit' and I picked up on it and I lost my weight, so I knew it had sheared off and broke in half. This is bad, really bad, so my drill stems stuck in the hole, you have to do what's called fish for it. For the first time in my career I had to get on the radio and say we're twisted off and of course then everyone puckers up and says oh my gosh … it's a catastrophic event," Cardwell said. "Sure enough we go through the checklist and it was twisted off. The next day I get there and they pulled the pipe out of the hole, went back into the hole with a fishing tool snagged onto it and when I got there I was coming out of the hole, we got the fish, we got it back drilling. It's the first time I have ever torn anything up, but I really didn't tear it up. What happened there was some instrumentation that earlier in the day, if that crew member had been paying attention, he would have noticed that his pump pressure was wrong and should have know something right away that something was wrong. Had I been coherent I could have found that error by doing my diligence, what I normally would do, but I was so doped up I couldn't. Anyway about a week later, everything's good, sitting there drilling, man ten minutes before I get off my double shift … I was paying back that guy's graveyard shift that had worked for me when I had my operation … and about 6:15 in the morning I am sitting in the drilling house and all of sudden I hear this big boom and you hear this sound and I think what in the hell is that. One of the engines, huge engines, that sucker was engulfed in fire … flames were everywhere. I am thinking what the hell is this. I had been working on a rig for over ten years and again I had to get on the phone and tell them one of their rigs just blew up, man I just knew my time was up ... something was trying to tell me to get out of the business. So here I am in Cheyenne Okla., been in the oil field 10 years, and I am like man, this is some kind of sign."

Not knowing what he was going to do or what the next step was, Cardwell said Brenda announced she was leaving Weatherford, didn't know where she was going, but just that she needed to go somewhere else. He said he looked at her and said, "uh well I'm not staying either, so let's go to Dallas."

Cardwell and Brenda moved to Dallas, Texas in November 1987, not knowing anyone, not sure of anything except they had enough money to last about three months.

"We came to Dallas with our skills," Cardwell laughed. "Brenda started looking for a job in an office and I didn't know what I was going to do … had no clue. Thus my entrepreneur streak was born. We made a round through Dallas, around Hwy. 635 and I noticed there was all these apartment complexes everywhere and every house and every apartment had a chimney and I told her (Brenda), I bet you money I could sell firewood here, so I picked up the classified ads and remember it was November, so it was cold, and I looked under firewood and there was 17 people selling firewood and I thought, hmmm, I had a 3/4 ton diesel truck that was brand new from my oil field work, my buddy lived on the Red River off of Hwy. 35 and his dad had tons of Oak trees, so I called him up and said can I come up and cut me some wood, he said 'yeah come on.' So I went and bought me a chainsaw and a log splitter on credit and then a trailer to haul the wood and I told Brenda to run a classified ad, so she did, the ad came out and by the time I got the first load ready Brenda called me and said, 'I already got the first load sold. I said, really, how much you sell that for, she said $500 … man, I really got busy cutting that wood." Cardwell laughed, his voice dropping to almost a whisper, as if sharing a secret. "I thought, I need to sell more, so we started kicking tail and it was great, until February … then the calls quit coming. About a week before we were going to have to move back up to Oklahoma because we were out of money, because remember, I still had all the bills, truck payment from the oil field … different lifestyle where I was making all this money to making nothing. Brenda ended up getting a fulltime job in an office and I got a full time job, then after our fulltime jobs we would go out and deliver pizzas and work. If you deliver pizzas you could make tips, but the biggest thing was ... you got to eat for a dollar and that's where we got our food because all our money was going to bills. We both did that; we just kept adapting and surviving through our work. We just kept working more jobs and more hours. On the weekends I worked at Burger King flipping burgers and during the week I worked two jobs, so I had three jobs, but it still wasn't enough money to make a dent in my debts coming down here, but it was enough to keep the wolves from chomping at my ass too much. You give them a little meat and it was okay … but … I had another set of skills I hadn't used yet."

Submitted photo

Brenda and Steve Cardwell with Steve's daughter Kristina.

Submitted photo

Steve Cardwell with his youngest daughter, Tristen, in front of Brenco Enterprises, before becoming Brenco Industrial Services, LLC.

Cardwell stopped; another smile crossed his face and said he had learned a skill at Weatherford High School that helped him in his next phase of business.

"They don't do it anymore, but this was an amazing program at Weatherford High School called Trades and Industries where I learned to build houses. It was a three-hour course everyday. I used it as an elective to get out of Algebra because Algebra was killing me; it was just eating my lunch. Algebra III, one and two wasn't bad, but Algebra III was eating my lunch. Weatherford High School would buy the land and materials and we would build the house. The high school would sell the house, keep the money and we learned a trade. Win-win deal all around. It was a valuable trade and the instructor would train us on the white board in the morning about an hour about what we were going to do that day and then we would all pile in the truck and go to the job site. It was an amazing program. So I knew I had skills. You know when I was in the oil field and things got tough, like in Regan's time and you had to go on unemployment, well if it wasn't going to be too long of a time we were laid off I would go to work for these remodeling contractors … you know I further honed my skills in that area working for them and it ended up paying huge dividends," Cardwell said. "When I got down here and the firewood gig ran out and I ran this little ad in this newspaper for remodeling work and I didn't get much, nothing at first … it took a long time and just about when you give up hope, the universe will toss you a little crumb. I met the nicest black lady, who was getting ripped off by other contractors and called me and asked me to

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U.S. Supreme Court upholds Indian Child Welfare Act in Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl

Reno, NV – In a 5-4 decision in *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl* the United States Supreme Court upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), but reversed and remanded the case back to the South Carolina courts on a technicality. The narrow decision focused on the standard to determine whether this particular father's parental rights could be terminated.

Jefferson Keel, President of the National Congress of American Indians delivered the following statement from the organization's Mid Year Conference in Reno, Nev.

"Today's decision sends a clear message that there is no question of ICWA's role as the most important law to protect Native children and families. The decision also affirms Congressional authority to protect Indian Children. While we are pleased the court has upheld ICWA, we're very disappointed for Dusten, Veronica, and the Brown family that the court has ruled to send the case back to the South Carolina courts on a technicality. However, the courts in South Carolina have previously affirmed that Dusten Brown is Veronica's father and that he is a fit parent. We are confident that his parental rights will be upheld, and that Veronica will stay with her family. We remain committed to Native families and we will continue to support Dusten Brown's fight for his rights as a father and for Veronica to remain with her loving father, grandparents, and community. Dusten loves his daughter and has never given up in this process, and neither will we."

In mid-April of 2013, the Supreme Court Justices considered an appeal by the South Carolina couple and their lawyers to the South Carolina court decisions which held the following; that it was in Veronica's best interests to be placed with her father, that ICWA applied and was not unconstitutional, the "Existing Indian Family" doctrine was inapplicable as an exception to the application of the ICWA in this case, that the father did not voluntarily consent to the termination of his parental rights or the adoption, the Appellants failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence that father's parental rights should be terminated or that granting custody of "Baby Girl" to father would likely result in serious emotional or physical damage to 'Baby Girl."

In advance of the oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court, support for the position to uphold the lower court rulings and the protections of ICWA was characterized as historic. U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli and 19 states and state attorneys general were joined by a large array of groups who submitted 24 separate briefs in all. Not one state submitted briefs in support of the adoptive couple.

The overwhelming support included 17 former and current members of Congress; Casey Family Programs, the Children's Defense Fund, and 16 other child welfare organizations; the American Civil Liberties Union; broad coalitions of psychology associations, child advocates, and legal experts; adult Native American adoptees; and tribal amicus briefs which include 333 American Indian tribes.

Courtesy photo

Baby Veronica, the little girl at the center of a custody battle between the adoptive parents and her biological father.

Two national tribal amicus briefs were submitted. The first, focused on the legislative history and importance of ICWA, was submitted by the Association on American Indian Affairs, NCAI, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), who were joined by 30 Indian tribes and five Indian organizations. A second national tribal amicus brief addresses the constitutional issues raised by the petitioners and also includes 24 tribal nations and organizations. The members of the Tribal Supreme Court Project, Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and NCAI, in partnership with NICWA, joined together to organize the briefs in support of the father.

Thunderbird Youth Academy taking applications

Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA) is currently accepting applications for Class 41 beginning on July 14, 2013. This is a free program operated by the Oklahoma Military Department and is located in Pryor, Okla.

TYA is part of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe programs, currently operating in 30 states.

The program offers a residential setting that focuses on the needs of at risk male and female youth ages 16-18. While attending the program, youth attend GED classes, can qualify for E2020 high school recovery classes, receive instruction in self-discipline, respect, social skills, citizenship, health, hygiene and physical fitness.

Before graduating, the cadets are given assistance in finding placement, such as employment, military service, or returning to school. Our program has a 76 percent placement rate for the post-residential phase. One of secrets for the success of the program is mentoring. Each youth is required to have at least one adult who volunteers to become their mentor for the duration of the residential phase (22 weeks) and one year post-residential phase of the program. This individual provides support and guidance that the youth will need once they graduate.

If interested in becoming a mentor for one of our youth, please contact Vicki Smiddy at (918) 824-4853. For more information on the program, please visit www.thunderbird.org or call (918) 824-4809.

Thunderbird Academy cadet testimonials

Submitted photo

Sitting in front l-r: Cadet Lewellen and Cadet Holderbee

Standing behind l-r: Cadet Miller and Cadet Jackson.

My name is Shawn Miller.

I am an Indian teenager from the Cheyenne tribe. I am 17 years old and I live in Woodward, Okla.

Before I came to Thunderbird Youth Academy I did not have the best behavior. I was in and out of the system. I did not think straight and was always getting in trouble. I did not want that for myself. My whole life has been nothing but trouble, then I went to court and they said I had to pick a placement for me because I kept getting in trouble. That's when I heard about Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA). They told me it was a hard program to get through.

Then a couple moths later I came to TYA. I did not know what to think. I did not know what to expect, I did not know anything about the military. Now I am in the best shape of my life. I am physically fit and healthy. I know more about the military now that I am at TYA. I know how to march, use protocol and have discipline.

I know since I have been here I have become a better person. I am proud of what I have become and I am striving for positive and stability. I really appreciate TYA for making me a better person then I was when I walked through those front doors. Thank you and I will always remember the whole experience you have provided me. The 3rd Platoon, we are the best 3rd Platoon – we beat the best!

My name is Cadet Thomas Jackson.

I am a Native American from the Chickasaw Nation. I am 16 years old from Ardmore, Okla.

Before I came to Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA) I was a troubled teenager, I was a high school dropourt headed down a path of self-destruction. I was never at home, I treated my parents wrong, I was unwilling to help them with anything they asked of me. I was living the life of the party … rebelling against the law.

I was in and out of the sytem constantly rebelling against all types of authority.

Now I am a TYA cadet, and I am well on my way to being a much better person. Before Thunderbird became a part of my life almost everyone I knew and loved had given up on me. But now that I am doing better in my life, I have made so many people who love me proud of me for the first time ever … all thanks to TYA.

My plans for my future are to attend a full time college, to get 16 college credits, so that I can join the U.S. Marines and after that I will let the Lord do with me as he pleases.

My name is John "Hayden" Lewellon.

I am a Native American teenager (16) from the Choctaw tribe.

I came to Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA) to better myself, make smarter decisions and to make my family proud.

When I was 13 until I came to Thunderbird I was skipping school, staying away from home for days at a time, disrespecting my mom and I was just hanging out with the wrong crowd.

My uncle (2nd Lt. Jered W. Ewy) did his best by making sure I was punished for my mistakes (Army style).

I thought he was doing it because I thought he hated me … I was like "ugh why can't you let me have fun like every other teenager?" But really he loved me and he saw the path I was going down and he didn't want me to make the same mistakes he did when he was a teen.

Jered was not only my uncle, but he was also my father figure. He was always there for me, even though I was in trouble a lot … still he never gave up one me.

On July 29, 2011, the U.S. Army Honor Guard came to my house to give me and my family news that my uncle Jered had passed away in Paktia, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device went off and killed him and another soldier. I started skipping school and hanging out with the wrong crowd and making stupid decisions to get my mind off the pain about Jered. I kept making stupid choices until I came to Thunderbird on Jan. 13, 2013.

Now I have goals and a future in sight. Thunderbird has given me the tools I need to be smarter, more disciplined and independent.

When I get out I want to finish high school and after I graduate high school I want to join the Army National Guard. I want to continue the path I am taking now by not making the mistakes I was before I got to Thunderbird.

I have faith in myself to succeed in life thanks to TYA.

Hello, my name is Robert Holderbee (Cadet Holderbee).

I am 18 years old and will be 19 on the 19th of May. I am a Native American from the Cherokee tribe.

Before I decided to come to Thunderbird Youth Academy (TYA) I was living in Tahlequah, Okla., attending Tahlequah High School.

I am extremely gifted in athletics, especially baseball, I was not making the best of decisions for myself, especially since I actually had a future in baseball, and it seemed like everyone around me noticed my decisions and actions and how they were affecting me … except for me.

My grandma is definitely my greatest inspiration, role model in my life along with Bryce Harper, Kevin Durant, Meek Mill and Kendrick Lamar.

One thing Thunderbird has taught me is to never let anyone tell you what you are capable of or affect your dreams or goals in life. If you set your mind to something and you have the motivation and inspiration, you can surely reach your goals.

Like me, although I am very talented at baseball, and after graduation I want to attend college and continue to pray. I love to rap and I am extremely passionate about where I came from, how I was raised and the life I lived and I program those ideals into my rap, and I write in a journal everyday. By the time I graduate TYA I will have enough to make my own mix tape.

TYA has taught me a lot of great values and life lessons, and if it wasn't for the academy, I don't even have a clue where I would be right now. I thank the academy very much for everything they have done for me and hopefully do for thousands of others.

Dating Violence

What is Dating Violence?

It includes any physical, sexual, or psychological/ emotional violence within a dating relationship. It can occur in a current or former dating partner.

Many parents and older adults are often unaware that teens also experience dating violence. Statistics state that one in 10 female highschoolers report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend.

About one in every five-women and nearly one in seven men who ever experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experience dating violence.

Dating violence often starts with emotional abuse. Most victims think being called names or constant hounding on seeing you all the time, are "normal" parts of a relationship. But they are not. They can lead to more serious kinds of abuse, like hitting, stalking, or preventing you from using birth control.

Here are some risk factors of having a unhealthy relationships that can lead to dating violence:

Believing it's okay to use threats or violence to get their way or to express frustration or anger. Use alcohol or drugs. Can't manage anger or frustration.

Hang out with violent peers. Have multiple sexual partners. Have a friend involved in dating violence.Are depressed or anxious. Have learning difficulties and other problems at school. Don't have parental supervision or support. Witness violence at home or in the community a have a history of aggressive behavior or bullying.

There are also consequences of dating violence. Victims of dating violence are more likely to do poorly in school, start binge drinking, suicide attempts, and physical fighting. Victims may also carry the patterns of violence into their future relationships.

Dating violence happens to people of all races, cultures, incomes, and education levels. It can happen on a first date, or when you are deeply in love. It can happen whether you are young or old, and in heterosexual or same-sex relationships.

Dating violence is always wrong, and you can get help. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence or in a dating violence relationship and is a female member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, please call (405) 262-0345 ext. 27639 or 27692.

For emergency situations call (405) 201-8295.

Mobile Mammography Van at Concho

The Clinton Service Unit will be hosting the Breast Care Center mobile mammography van 8:30 a.m. - 3: 30 p.m., July 9, 2013 for Native American women who qualify for services through the Indian Health Service.

The van will be located in the Community Building parking lot at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal complex in Concho, Okla.

The mission of the Clinton Service Unit is to promote a culture that supports and develops caring, compassionate and competent healthcare.

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come give her a price on a job. I did, I was reasonable and she used me and fell in love with my work and just kept using me. She needed a fence, then she needed a roof, her house painted, she needed tile and then she also had relatives, you know, and then her neighbors were like, you got a good handy man, come on over here and give me a price and that's how Brenco took off. Word of mouth you know these are some big neighborhoods here in Mesquite and so I started working for her neighbors, then I became 'their guy' then I would be recommended to their family and then their neighbors because I did good work and I gave them a good price and the biggest thing is they loved that I was an honest contractor."

Cardwell stayed in that arena and when work was slow he found temporary agencies to work for.

He said they were good because he could drive forklifts and do warehouse work since he was young and strong, and he would wait for another remodel job to come up and he could do it on weekends.

"Of course, Brenda was the breadwinner back then because she had found a good job and I was basically just working for myself. That's all I ever wanted, you know I never really dreamed of owning a big company or having employees. I was making good money, just working for myself and I enjoyed the work and the customers and building things. The jobs just kept getting a little bigger and a little bigger so I hired another guy, then they continued to get a little bigger then I hired another guy. You talk about evolution and the process of evolution … man its amazing. We lived in this little two-bedroom apartment and I had built this little wooden shelf that had a skill saw, drill and my nail bag on it … that was it," Cardwell recalled looking around at what is now Brenco Industrial Services. "Then as the jobs got bigger you need a lot more tools, so I rented a storage shed and put my left over materials in there and my tools. You couldn't leave the stuff in the back of your truck down here, in a few hours it would be gone. Then as the jobs got progressively bigger I needed a bigger storage shed, so I rented a bigger storage shed, and I thought okay now we ought to be good. Sure enough another year would go by and I would look and say, man I need another bigger storage shed, so I rent a bigger one and finally I had the biggest one they had, lived in this apartment eight years with the biggest storage shed and you couldn't even walk through it, it had so much stuff in it. So then I found a house out in the country and it had a four-car garage right next to the house and I was like ah yeah, this is it, this will do it. We moved into that and at that point I knew I would become very efficient because at the apartment I would have to drive to the storage shed, load up, go to Home Depot to get what I would need for that day and then go to the customers so I was losing time, so in my head I have worked my way up to this big rent payment, but I am much more efficient. Sure enough the next thing I knew the jobs got bigger and the next thing I knew I had all these tools and I had this barn in the back and I was just busting at the seams. The business just kept stepping up, little by little and evolving, just from word of mouth, it was amazing."

And evolve it did. From a small residential contracting company to a major player in the commercial manufacturing arena. Cardwell has been awarded million dollar contracts from companies such as Siemens Mobility for substations in the Dallas area, as well as from Texas A&M and many others throughout the United States.

"So I eventually evolved out of residential and the evolution continued ... mostly from word of mouth and my reputation for doing good work and doing what I say I can do ... you know others would call and say 'who are you using, Brenco, give me his number, then another and pretty soon I am hiring three, then four employees," Cardwell said. "One day you wake up and you got employees and their saying what about holidays and vacations and insurance and I am sitting there thinking, when did this happen. Then I got into the overhead business."

He sat back took his baseball hat off, which he wears most everywhere he goes and said, "The evolution just keeps continuing and the jobs kept getting bigger, then the other thing I learned to do, another skill I possessed that I learned at a very early age at Riverside Indian School ... I had a skill taught to me that really put me where I am today, I learned to weld there. They didn't have trades and industries when I went to Riverside, they had Industrial Shop with this white guy teaching us, and man he was sharp. I wasn't a great welder, but he taught me the art of welding and when I got to the oilrig, which are all steel and sometime we had to sandblast these rigs. You talk about sucks, sandblasting in 100 degree temps with this suit on, anyway the oil rigs taught me heavy metal, but the thing is the two skills that built my company I learned in high school, in Oklahoma, at Riverside Indian School and Weatherford High School, that is what's crazy."

Cardwell said his best year he has ran $3-5 million a year on skills he learned in high school, taught to him by educational institutions that really taught him something he would use in his life.

"I paid attention, I learned what was being taught ... isn't that wonderful, but nowadays it doesn't really happen like that, the world has changed. When I got here and I started working at an industrial plant and they were like can you build me that or that and it was made out of steel, I am like, absolutely I can build you that, I had the skills," he said laughing. "I don't have a degree in anything, but now I am almost 50 ... I have a couple of PhDs from the university of life. I am an expert in all my fields because I have been in business close to 30 years now."

As Cardwell looked out the window over one of the many warehouses on his 14-acre headquarters he remembered the day that Brenco Enterprises went from a sole proprietorship to Brenco Industrial Services, LLC. Another step in the evolution.

"I got contracted to build these locker rooms/rest rooms at this university, so I go into this nasty part of this plant. It was horrendously hot, dirty, filthy and I get there everyday and I see this team of contractors putting these big machines in and I sit there and watch them. They get there about 6 a.m. and stand around and drink coffee until about 9 a.m. and I am pretty sure they are not cheap. These guys just stand around and I am going those guys must be making about $25 bucks an hour. So after a month or two I went and made friends with this engineer who was running that project.

One day I said what's up with those guys, here I am working my ass off and these guys are over here standing around drinking coffee until 9 and seems like they are always standing around waiting on parts … man how do they make any money like that?

Well he said, 'Cardwell that's an industrial contracting crew,' and I said, well okay what's that mean?

He said 'well they weld and they are stainless steel welders, they do specialty work and hook these machines up and stuff.' I said well do they just charge you an arm and a leg on this stuff, I mean how do they make any money?

He says, 'oh that's what is called a time and material bid.' I said, what's that … never heard of it before.

He said 'well each one of those guys is here on a hourly rate,' so I said like they are punching a clock and he said, 'yeah kind of like that.'

Then I said, well what's the material part and he said 'well whatever material they need they come and order it or if we can't get it they get it and they get to mark up their material.' I am like how much do they get to mark it up and he said its usually about 15 percent.

So I am standing there and I said, let me get this straight … they come in and if they are paying that guy $25 an hour then they are charging you what … $35 an hour and he said, 'oh no those welders, they charge me somewhere around $85 an hour,'" Cardwell laughed and said a light bulb came on in here (points to his head), "well hell, you can't lose. I looked at him and said, how do I get one of those contracts I can do that.

He said 'aw well it takes years' and blah, blah, blah, and I said if you ever get a project like that I would like a shot at that because I know I could do that. He said alright and so man that stuck in my brain and I thought if I was the company and he's okay with them milking his clock and their making $40 an hour for their guys to stand around and only paying them $25, so the long and short of that story is that I stayed at that company for so long that after awhile they got tired of those guys standing around that they fired that company. The two guys that ended up doing the most work, John and Leonard, the company liked them, so they brought in this new industrial crew and told them to hire these two guys. Two redneck white guys, but they were good at what they did. So I was still doing my odd projects and that company that John and Leonard went to work for ended up getting fired too so they brought in this third company and by that time I went and talked to John and Leonard and I said to them, alright guys you are on your third company out here and I am going to go talk to Bud and if it don't work out with this next company I am going to talk to him about me hiring you guys … now I am little, but shit we can do this work and look at this other work we can do with my wood skills. About

Steve Cardwell inspects one of the substations Brenco Industrial Services, LLC built for Siemens.

a year later that company got fired and I went to this engineer and I said, Bud I will change my name to Brenco Industrial Services, I will hire John and Leonard if you will give me a shot and he said, 'go after it.'"

Cardwell said in the beginning he had five or six names picked out, including Indian names and when he went down to the county they were all gone and he had to have a company name.

"After checking with the county and all those names were already gone I said we'll call it the Brenda Company, Brenco and I looked and there was nothing named Brenco so I said, 'yay' I got my name and no one will ever get us confused. So we got Brenco Enterprises, a sole proprietor but these industrial contractors were like Dynasty Industrial and Prime Industrial, so I said, shit I can be Brenco Industrial. So I changed the name, hired John and Leonard and started rocking on some projects. Man we were cruising along making some money, bills were getting paid and we were actually working and not standing around drinking coffee," Cardwell said. "You know it's an amazing story and it's hard to summarize it all, but you talk about overcoming adversity, that's putting it mildly."

Cardwell weathered through recessions, losing million dollar contracts, but still doors continued to open and Cardwell continued to walk through the doors, never knowing what was on the other side.

He said he watched as seeds he had planted years before began to sprout. Just when it looked like the company and all he had worked for would go under, another opportunity would present itself ... almost like magic or was it?

"I know there is a Creator and that there are spirits, good and bad. I have to say excuse me because here I have to get philosophical, because I have pondered on this a lot of sleepless nights. You know when you lose a million dollar customer, what do you do? There is nothing but stress and worry. You got all these payments, equipment, you got all these employees and my stress, on a scale of 1-10, is a 12 and you're young, you're just an Indian boy from Hammon, Okla. and there's no play book for this, so trusting in the business Gods or a higher power for my personal gain never sat well with me.

We pray at sporting events, help us and I don't know how many times I have heard them say, 'God blessed us and that's why we're rich…' well you know I know a lot of good people in the ground right now and those people couldn't even carry their shoe and they were much better people than me. So I am very careful about what I believe and I hear things like, 'why did God take that beautiful young child,' well I don't believe that he did, but we are all so spiritual and we all have so many philosophies, no one really knows for sure.

But I do know one thing, from every religion and every clergy, they get lost when I talk about the American Indian," Cardwell said as he continued to quietly speak of his beliefs, "Everyone is perfectly fine in their faith, their Christianity and the Bible and I was raised Christian, very much so, more strict than anyone, but there are answers that are just not in the Bible, so it has caused me to look and say now why is that?

But when I get to the American Indian, I go well we didn't know Christ, we didn't have the Bible, no tribe did, but we all knew the Great Spirit. All tribes knew to live in harmony with Mother Earth and if you look at the history of time, you will never see one Indian tribe that went on a bloodthirsty conquering spree where they just wanted more and more and more. Much unlike every other conqueror through time. You never seen it in any tribe and you never will because it never happened. We took care of our hunting grounds, our territory, our women, our horses and we fought wars to protect our way of life from marauding tribes, but we never said lets mount our army and take it all … it never happened.

So if you look at the American Indians, I have a different perspective, we had harmony, yet we didn't have Christianity, so I go how do you figure into that, no one can tell me because no one really knows. So why aren't we the heathens we were portrayed to be when really we lived in harmony and we thought there was enough land for everyone and we knew the earth really didn't belong to us.

When people tell me that God has blessed them and that's why they are rich and this and that, I have a hard time with that. Growing up I have had these gifts, you might say, there are things that I just know, and I don't know how I know them, I just know them. There are these things that scare me and I am uncomfortable with and people say, 'oh Steve they are gifts, don't be scared of them, embrace them,' but I have had many premonitions that have shaken me to the core because I am more of a scientific person and physical things and I have seen a couple of deaths that disturbed me and they came to pass. I am like oh man, no I don't want this.

*See **Man behind company**, page 12*

BRIEFS

.The 37th annual UNITY Conference

July 12-16, 2013 at the Marriott Warner Center in Woodland Hills, Calif. For more information visit www.unityinc.org.

Payroll Tax Management for Tribal Organizations

July 15-16, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Internal Controls for Tribal Organizations: Protecting Your Tribes' Financial Assets

July 16-17, 2013 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Crtical Skills for Tribal Employees Training

July 17-18, 2013 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.nativeamericanconsulting.com.

National Native Media Conference

July 17-21, 2013 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information visit www.naja.com.

Leadership Skills for Native Women

July 17-18, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

18th Annual National Gathering of Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals &Tradeshow

July 17-19, 2013 at the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, Mich. For more information visit www.nawainc.org.

The National Indian Justice Center's 13th annual For All My Relations-A Conference for Indian Families

July 18-20, 2013 at the Anaheim Marriott (near Disneyland Resort) in Anaheim, Calif. For more information visit www.nijc.org.

Emerging Trends in Tribal Enrollment

July 22-24, 2013 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The third annual EUCI Conference-Energy Development on Tribal Lands

July 22-23, 2013 at the-Hilton San Diego Bayfront in San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

The 42nd annual American Indian Physicians Health Conference-Promoting Wellness in Native American Communities

July 29 - Aug. 4, 2013 in Santa Clara, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Indian Child Welfare Training

Aug. 20-21, 2013 in Portland, Oregon. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

Press association presents awards during annual convention

OKLAHOMA CITY-The Oklahoma Press Association presented its annual Better Newspaper Contest Awards during the OPA Annual Convention, June 13-15, 2013, at the Reed Center in Midwest City, Okla.

For the second year running, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune placed second in Division 9 – Feature Writing. The Tribune also placed fourth for the first time in Division 9 – News Writing.

Also announced during the awards banquet were recipients of the OPA H. Milt Phillips Award and the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation's Beachy Musselman Award.

Willis Choate III, publisher of the Marietta Monitor, received the Milt Phillips Award. Choate is a third generation publisher of the Monitor. He joined his mother, Wilma Choate, as co-publisher after graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 1960, and took over as publisher and editor after her death in 2005. In addition to running the Monitor, Choate has been active in city government for 22 years, serving as a councilman for 10 years and as mayor for 12 years.

Receiving the ONF Beachy Musselman Award was Ed Darling, publisher of The Duncan Banner. Darling has served as publisher of The Banner since 2011, but has spent 46 years in the newspaper business. He got his start at the Tuscaloosa News in Alabama. He later worked at papers in Alabama, Oklahoma and Mississippi. He was named Outstanding Alumnus in Journalism by the University of Alabama, his alma mater, and has served as president of the Associated Press-Oklahoma News Executives (ONE).

This year's Sequoyah Award winners, presented to the sweepstakes winner in each circulation division, were Enid News & Eagle, McAlester News-Capital, The Daily Elk Citian, The Purcell Register, Oologah Lake Leader, Wagoner Tribune, Drumright Gusher, Sequoyah County Times, Broken Arrow Ledger and Oklahoma State University's The Daily O'Collegian.

Members of the South Dakota Newspaper Association judged the 895 entries from 96 Oklahoma newspapers.

One-hundred and twenty first place plaques were presented during the awards banquet. Newspapers receiving second, third or fourth place in the contest received certificates.

A complete list of winners in the 2012 OPA Better Newspaper Contest is available on the OPA website at okpress.com/2012-better-newspaper-contest-results.

Youth conference

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alcohol and drugs, because you already know about that and I am not going to talk to you about staying in school and getting an education because you already know that. In the small amount of time I have I am going to talk to you about one of the secrets of life that will make you successful and that is being spiritual."

Following Rush's presentation, singers Antoine Edwards and Butchie Eastman entertained the students with songs.

James Sleeper hands out t-shirts to students who translate words successfully into the Arapaho and Cheyenne languages.

Motivational speaker, Chance Rush, speaks during one of the general assemblies at the second annual youth conference.

On Thursday, keynote speaker was Iris Horn from Oklahoma Against Trafficking (OATH) followed by a performance from Krystiana Guzman, one of the Thunder Rain Drop dancers.

Some of the workshops offered during the conference were Athletic Recruiting 101, learning about the recruitment process, college options and what college coaches expect from student athletes. Digital Storytelling, a brief introduction to broadcast TV and TV production. Students learned hands on camera skills and putting together a public service announcement. Leadership and Goal Setting, Identity, Self Esteem and Culture, Substance Abuse, Healthy Relationships, Powwow 101 for Boys and Powwow 101 for Girls.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Dept. of Education, Executive Director, Teresa Dorsett, thanking the speakers and entertainers for Wednesday's general assembly events.

Guest singers, Antoine Edwards and Butchie Eastman entertain the students with one of their songs that has gone virile on You Tube and Facebook.

"I have witnessed and observed the kids having a great time, not a whole lot of problems. They are participating and I think it has impacted them. I believe the speakers have impacted them, the good environment and the healthy activities that have been going on and I have watched them interact with each other and staff ... on the whole so far it has been a really positive event for everyone," Dorsett said.

2013 Jim Thorpe Basketball tourney champions - Cheyenne and Arapaho teams

RIGHT: 14U Girls' Team-Bottom row (L-R): Nikiah Monahwee, Dierney Slinkey, Jandra Levi, and Anne Slinkey. Top row (L-R): Jayci Bear, Mona Pierson, Zhooni Sherman, Rach Romannose, and Anna Greely.

Submitted photos

ABOVE: 14U Boys' Team (L-R): Ethan Wilson, Tanner Island, AJ Sioux, Elijah Wilson, Banzi King, Coach Reggie Island, Mr. Thorpe, Sir Campbell, Riley Island and Marcus Blackwolf.

ABOVE: 16U Boys' Team-Back Row (L-R): Asst. Coach Reggie Island, Jonathan Starr, Trey Waters, Christian Wassana, Noah Reyes, and Head Coach Chris RomanNose Front Row (L-R) Kiahree Kerns, Bryon Elledge, and Diesen Gorham.

INTRODUCING THE 2013 OKLAHOMA INDIAN NATION POWWOW PRINCESSES

Senior Miss
Princess
Evana Wilson

Junior Miss
Princess
Kenzie Wendalyn Naranjo

Little Miss
Princess
Tina Mae Ortiz

Tiny Tot
Princess
DanyElla Carlyze Redshin

24th Annual
Oklahoma Indian Nation
Powwow
Aug. 2-4, 2013
Concho Powwow Grounds
Concho, Okla.

EATING well for DIABETES

Think What You Drink

By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Many people say I don't eat that much, why can't I lose weight? My blood sugar is always high.

We never really think about what we drink. Beverages count in your daily caloric intake. Water is the best to drink, it doesn't have any calories. Sports drinks such as Gatorade are really not needed unless you are running a marathon or play sports for a long time. Your body can replenish nutrients by simply drinking water.

Most beverages are loaded with sugar which can lead to dental cavities, weight gain and loss of vital nutrition. Sugar is a carbohydrate and when you eat more carbohydrates than your body can use they get stored as fat in the form of triglycerides.

Gatorade has 8.5 teaspoons of sugar and one container has 2 ½ servings. Dr. Pepper has 10 teaspoons, Orange juice has 10.5 teaspoons, Apple juice 12 teaspoons, Nesquick 15 teaspoons, Rock Star Energy drink 16 teaspoons, Monster Energy Drink 13 teaspoons, Orange Crush 18 teaspoons, Mountain Dew 19 teaspoons.

For a visual think about a measuring cup and 12 teaspoons equal ¼ cup. Reading labels will help learn how many calories and sugars your beverage has.

For more information on nutrition contact the Diabetes Wellness Program at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27685.

El Reno BIA offices temporarily relocated

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Concho Agency, formerly located at 1635 E. U.S. Hwy 66, El Reno, Okla. here by notifies the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, individuals, and corporations that conduct business with the BIA that our offices have temporarily relocated to the BIA's Regional Office in Anadarko, Okla.

Employees of the Office of the Special Trustee (OST IIM services) will be temporarily located at various OST offices in Anadarko as well.

The BIA and OST staff will continue to provide services, from their respective offices, to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, tribal members, and lessees. Contact phone numbers for the following services are listed below.

Concho Agency:
Superintendent (405) 247-1537
Deputy Superintendent (405) 247-1524
Natural Resources (405) 247-1524
Real Estate and Probate Services (405) 247-1623
Concho Agency BIA fax number (405) 247-9240

Concho OST staff in Anadarko:
Fiduciary Trust Officer (405) 406-3051
Trust Accounts Manager (405) 247-1504
IIM account services (405) 247-8522
IIM account services (405) 247-1159, Ext. 229
IIM accounts services (405) 247-8519
OST fax number (405) 247-2921
OST Albuquerque Trust Beneficiary Call Center (888) 678-6836

All mail may be sent to: BIA, Concho Agency P.O. Box 368 Anadarko, Okla. 73005

We thank the public we serve for their patience and understanding while the BIA Concho Agency attempts to return to business after the agency was damaged by the EF-5 tornado on May 31, 2013.

Legislative News

The Legislature held a Community Meeting at Canton Gym on June 18, 2013. We thank all the tribal members who took time to visit with the Legislators and express their thoughts and concerns while learning of the actions taken by this branch of the government. We thank the citizens of Canton who came to the meeting to share a meal and get information regarding Legislative Bills.

Special Sessions

Three Special Sessions have been called by the Governor. They are:

April 16, 2013-Virgil Whiteshirt was confirmed to the Gaming Commission

May 7, 2013-Easement to Replace Single Phase Power Line with 3 Phase Line in Blaine County, Oklahoma was tabled

May 8, 2013-Confirmed to the Election Board were Kimberly Davis, Anthony Spottedwolf and Sandra Hinshaw. Brenda Byrd was tabled.

May 10, 2013-Authorizing Governor Janice PrairieChief-Boswell to enter into a settlement agreement with the State of Oklahoma on behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

These were all signed by the Governor within ten days of passage.

April Regular Session

The one bill on the agenda at the April Regular Session was vetoed:

A Bill to Grant Full Faith and Credit to Foreign Judgments

May Regular Session

The Governor signed into law three acts from the May Regular Session.

Establishing Terms of Office of Housing Authority Commissioners

A Resolution to Submit a Grant Application for CFDA #93.612

A Resolution to Submit a Grant Application for FR-5700-N-07, ROSS-SC

The Governor vetoed the following Resolution:

A Resolution Authorizing Signatories for the Enrollment Department

June Special Session

Two acts passed by the Legislature on June 8, 2013 were:

Amend the Health Board Ordinance

A Resolution to Approve Submission of Grant Application for US Department of Education for the American Indian Vocational Rehab

These bills have been taken to the Governor for signature.

The Legislators would like their constituents to be able to contact them. Their numbers are, Patrick Spottedwolf (405) 422-7597, Bruce Whiteman: (405) 422-7750, Cheevers Heap of Birds (405) 422-7588, Winslow Sankey (405) 422-7916

The Legislature has a Facebook page, please make friends with Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature. We will post upcoming community meetings and bills passed by the Legislature.

Please contact your legislator or the Legislative Clerk for additional information.

Message to patients of El Reno Clinic

On May 31, 2013, the El Reno Indian Health Center suffered severe tornado damage. Since that time, the Center has remained closed due to significant damage to the roof and subsequent water damage to most parts of the facility. The future of the Center is still unknown. This letter is to inform you of your options for receiving provider care and medications during this closure.

Appointments for the Primary Care Clinic continue to be made using our Advanced Access system. To arrange an appointment at the Clinton Indian Health Center you may call as early as 7:30 a.m. to the appointment line at 580-331-3339. The Watonga Indian Health Center at 580-623-4991 is also available to serve you with phone lines opening at 8:00 a.m. You are welcome to seek care at any other Indian Health Service, Tribal or Urban facility which may be more convenient for you.

To access other departments please use the following numbers: Audiology: (580) 331-3477, Optometry: (580) 331-3413, Dental: (580) 331-3423, Behavioral Health: 580-331-3485, Pedorthics: (580) 331-3444, Public Health Nursing: 580-331-3466, and Radiology: (580) 331-3367.

Medication refills are being handled through the Clinton Indian Health Center Pharmacy. There are several ways to request a refill.

You may call in a refill at (580) 331-3533.

You may sign up for the mail order refill program.

You can access the refill system online at www.ihs.gov.

Questions regarding refills can be directed to the Pharmacy at (580) 331-3357.

For additional information related to the status of the El Reno Indian Health Center as well as general information related to Indian Health Service in the Oklahoma area, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ocaiha.

We know that this will be a difficult transition for many of you and we will do our best to keep you informed of changes as they occur. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any additional questions or concerns. The Clinton Indian Health Center main number is (580) 331-3300 or toll free at (866) 438-1284.

Sweet Corn with Onions & Basil
Cooking with USDA Foods

Furnished by the
C&A Food Distribution Program

2 vidalia onions, sliced into 1/2-inch slices
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
salt, to taste
10 ears fresh corn, shucked
1 cup basil leaves
4 jalapeno peppers, seeded and thinly sliced (or use Fresno peppers)
2 lemons, juice and zest of
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar (optional, or use honey)
fresh ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Toss the onions in 3 tbsp. olive oil, and season with salt.

Spread out on a large baking sheet and roast until tender, about 20 minutes. Trasfer to a large bowl and set aside.

Place the corn on the same baking sheet and drizzle with the remaining olive oil and roast, tossing every few minutes, for 15 minutes.

Add to the bowl with the onion, along with the remaining ingredients, and toss to combine.

Serve warm or at room temperature

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program July 4 Festivities

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 4, 2013 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. ball fields in Concho, Okla. Coed mud volleyball (register by July 1), horsehoes (singles and doubles), waterslides, 3-on-3 basketball (all ages), and fireworks drawings. For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27570 or 27585.

Lucky Star Casinos 4th of July Celebrations

July 4, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. Family activities, 5 p.m. the day of July 4 with fireworks display at dusk.

July 5, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla. Family acitivities, 5 p.m. the day of July 5 with fireworks display at dusk. For more information contact Freddie Ramirez or Alisa Guzman at (405) 262-7612.

The annual Quapaw Powwow

July 4, 2013 at the Quapaw powwow grounds, 4581 South 630 Road in Quapaw, Okla. For more information call Everett Bandy at (918) 542-1853 or email ebandy@quapawtribe.com.

Northern Cheyenne 4th of July Chiefs Powwow Celebration

July 4-7, 2013 at the powwow grounds in Lame Deer, Mont. Various dance contests, singing contest, drum split, hand drum contest and handgame tournament. For more information contact L. Jace Killsback at (406) 477-4857. For vendor information contact Melissa Fisher at (406) 477-4866.

Thunderbird Casino's 26th annual Powwow

July 4-6, 2013 in Norman, Okla. Intertribal dancing only on July 4. All contestants must dance in Grand Entry and Intertribal dancing in full regalia and number in full display. All day events. For more information contact Sue Blanchard at (405) 312-4621 or Leonard Longhorn at (405) 481-0674.

Pawnee Indian Veterans 67th annual Homecoming

July 4-7, 2013 at the Memorial Park in Pawnee, Okla. Run and softball tournament Saturday at 8 a.m. Parade at noon. For complete schedule or information call David Echohawk at (918) 873-0499 or visit pawneeindianveteransorg@gmail.com.

Quapaw Tribal Powwow

July 5-7, 2013 at 5681 S. 630 Road in Quapaw, Okla. Celebration includes dancing, contests, vendors and plenty of family fun. For more information contact Everette Bandy at (918) 542-1853 or at ebandy@quapawtribe.com.

The third annual Native Re-Vision's All-Star Football Classic

July 6, 2013 at the University of Texas in Arlington. For more information visit www.nativerevision.org.

Concerned Constituents of A-1 District Meeting

July 8, 2013 at the Canton Community Center, 310 N. Garfield in Canton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 followed by meeting. All A-1 voters are encouraged to attend. For more information call (580) 623-0103.

Community Health Program Canton Health Screenings

July 12, July 26, Aug, 2 and Aug. 16, 2013 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. CHR representative, Wendell Rednose will provide health information, blood pressure checks and case management.

Lucky Star Casino presents White Snake

July 13, 2013 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. For tickets or more information call 405/262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

Barefoot Powwow Benefit Dance

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. July 13, 2013 at the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla. Supper served at 6 p.m. Giveaways are optional. All proceeds will benefit the Barefoot Powwow scheduled for Sept. 6-8, 2013. For more information call Angie Sankey at (405) 313-3567, Byron Sankey at (580) 791-2605 or Michelle Bigfoot at (405) 219-9329.

Health Screening-Summer Safety and Car Seat Safety

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 24, 2013 at the Elk City Ackley Park in Elk City, Okla. Presenters will be Lydia Garvey and Deborah Ellis. Door prizes and snacks.

The 63rd annual Indian Hills Powwow

July 26-28, 2013 at 9300 N. Sooner Road, one-quarter mile south of Britton Road in Oklaoma City. Grand Entry at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Indian Club. For more information contact Berdina Kodaseet at (405) 201-1283.

The 24th annual Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow

Aug. 2-4, 2013 at the Concho Powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Hours are 6 p.m. - 11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 2. On Saturday and Sunday, hours are 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.

For more information contact Dara Franklin at (405) 476-1134 or (405) 422-7545.

happy birthday

Happy Belated 6th Birthday
Damyn RedShin!
Love your family
June 28

Happy 5th Birthday
DanyElla RedShin!
Love your family
July 9

Happy Birthday
Ryan Campbell
June 19
Love you always and
forever your mother, Myra

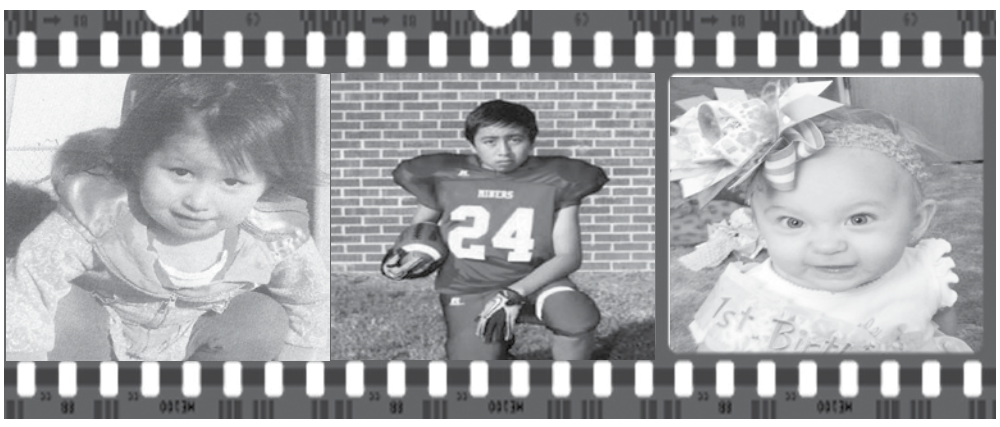
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday!
Natalie Rose
Cometsevah
July 21
Love, auntie Stacia
and uncle Gordon

Happy 16th Birthday
Kayla Reynolds
From mom, dad, Shelby,
Abby, Sheldon Jr., and your
favorite nephew Raydon

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday!
Miranda Tai
Cometsevah
July 3
Love, mom and dad



Happy 3rd Birthday
Jocilyn Rose Davidson
We all love you very much
From mom Elaine Tiger,
Donna Tiger, papa, nana,
Angie Pedro, Dixon Tiger
and all your family.
You are a sweet little girl
and we are proud of you

I would like to wish my son
Seth Youngbird a
Happy Birthday!
July 9
Love, mom, Sierra, Levi
and baby Tracy

Happy 1st Birthday
Emorie Leigh
We love you!
Mom, dad, Cameron, Ruger,
Katie, Vincent and Ricky

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday!
Timothy Daniel
July 2
We love you, from all
of your family

Happy Birthday
William Meeks Jr.
Love mom and dad

Happy Birthday
Francesca
Louise Washee
July 25
Love,
mom
and dad

One Question
We all think we're so
smart
Our lives are directed by
Satan
We're just playing the part
Willing to be tortured by
fire forever
Simply living in the dark
God will never let this
happen
We're the ones who depart
We want to live our own
lives
Further we drift apart
Whether we believe or not
Reality is this stark
Were going to live for God
When are we going start?
Servant of God, Hector
Shawnee

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Jordon Amon Carter, 8, made it to the Regional Junior Olympic Championships held in Las Vegas, Nev. He will be running the 200 and 400 meters.

He is the son of Mrs. Skyla Carter (Black) and T. Carter, the grandson of Marvina Black, the great-grandson of Marvin E. Black, Sr. and June R. Black (Warden).

We all are very proud of you and are thinking of you. I ask that all of the Black's and relatives keep him in your prayers.

Let's Go Bam Bam representing the C&A's!

Congratulations

Alan (AJ) Orange on your accomplishment! We are proud of you and love you!
Mom, dad, little brother Anselmo, all your aunts, uncles, and cousins

Completing the Circle
The sacred Thunder Bird awakens Maheo with high rumbling roar.
The crows are cawing farewell to winter. Time to paint Mother Earth with beauty.
Grandfather Maheo puffs His cheeks and through pursed lips blows His soul into the rain clouds. Mother Earth receives the blessed rain and gives life to the grass and crops.
The eagle soaring high in the sky delivers the people's prayer of thanksgiving to the great Maheo.
David Kaw

Respect Program

Coed Mud Volleyball - *Register by July 1st!*
Horseshoes - Singles & Doubles
Waterslides
3 on 3 Youth Basketball - All Ages
Fireworks Drawings

July 4th Festival

Respect Ball Fields - Concho, Oklahoma - July 4th, 2013 - 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Info: 1.800.247.4612 Ext. 27570 or 27585

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

July

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 8am-5pm
STORE HOURS: M-F 9am-3:30
Certification Hours: 9am- 3pm

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FAX: 405-422-8261

2013
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution

OPEN DURING LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9 CLINTON #1 TAILGATE	10 SEILING TAILGATE	11 HAMMON TAILGATE	12	13
14	15	16 CLINTON #2 TAILGATE	17	18 ELK CITY TAILGATE	19	20
21	22	23 Happy Birthday Scottie ☺	24	25	26	27
28	29 LAST DAY TO PICK UP FOR **** JULY ****	30 CLOSED FOR INVENTORY	31	*USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER*		

Have A Safe and Happy Holiday

Department of Health Programs

Diabetes Wellness, EMS, CHR, Health Education, Substance Abuse

Community Outreach Meetings

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

- Burger Fry
- Foot Exams
- N7 Shoes
- Eyeglasses
- Health Screenings

Tuesday July 9, 2013-Clinton Community Hall
Wednesday July 10, 2013-Seiling Community Hall
Tuesday July 16, 2013-Geary Community Hall
Thursday July 18, 2013-Watonga Community Hall
Monday July 22, 2013-Canton Community Hall
Thursday August 1, 2013-Hammon Community Hall
Tuesday August 6, 2013-Concho Community Hall

Reminder: Parents of students we will be collecting permission slips for upcoming school year health screenings.

Congratulations!

Congratulations!
Anselmo J. Martinez
He was recognized from Hammon Elementary School with a 2011 citizenship award, 2011-2012 Principals Honor Roll and 2012-2013 Principals Honor Roll certificates.
From mom and dad

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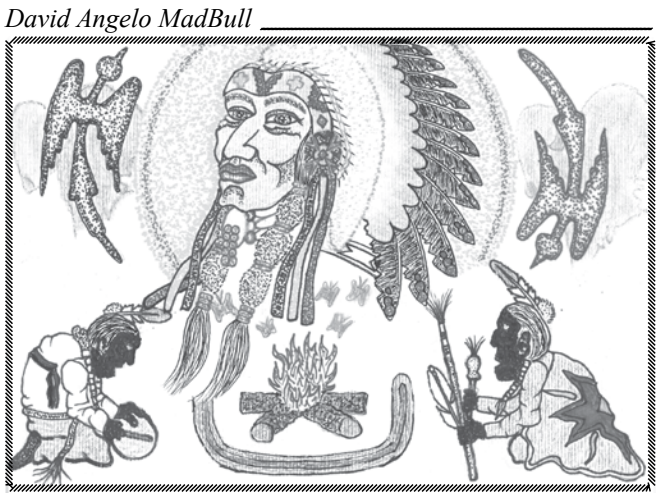
Happy 8th Birthday
Jaron Racelis
You are a wonderful, handsome, and smart young man. Your smile is as bright as the sun and you have a heart of gold. May God bless you with many more birthdays, we love you! Grandma, papa, Angie, Izzy, and all the Racelis families

Happy Birthday!
Destiny Faye
Washee
July 7
Love, mom and dad

David Angelo MadBull



Wishing Bella Zelma-Caryn a very Happy 2nd Birthday June 19
and Brook Johna-Carla a very Happy 1st Birthday July 3
From their mother Carol Mitchell, uncle John and aunty Stephanie, aunty Carin and Tish, uncle Chris and Keyana , aunty Carla and grandmother Carol Standing Water and all the rest of their family.
From Lame Deer Montana and their grandmother Ruth and family

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment:

Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Caseworker
Elder Care Concho, Okla.
Closing Date: July 2, 2013

Qualifications:

High School diploma or GED required. Be able to satisfactorily pass a background check.

Must have computer skills and be able to type. Must have a flexible schedule and be able to work nights and weekends when needed. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Teachers-Head Start
Canton, Concho, Clinton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

CDA, AA, BA Degree in Early Childhood education and a minimum of two years experience working in an early childhood education classroom or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Early childhood education formal training and able to receive a CDA or an AA degree within 180 days of employment. Must pass drug and alcohol test. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS Criminal Review Application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

Substitute Teacher Aides-Head Start
Concho, Clinton, Canton
Closing Date:Continuous

Qualifications:

High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL.Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing. Must complete supplemental application. Must complete OKDHS criminal review application. Must pass background investigation.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHR Van Driver-F.T.
C-A Service Area
Closing Date: Until filled

Qualifications:

Valid Oklahoma driver's license and current driving record from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Obtain a current CPR certification. Must reside in or near service area. Must pass physical examination and be in good physical condition. TB Skin Test Required. High School diploma or GED certification required. Satisfy an OSBI Background Check. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Cannot have a history of chemical abuse. Must attend training and continuing education requirements. Must be able to communicate effectively with different personalities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Wellness Technician
R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Open Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Must be knowledgeable of and sensitive to the tribal member's culture, heritage and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/First Aid certificate required. Must be able to perform professionally and culturally in an appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Custodian – On call
Watonga Multi-Purpose Center
Open until filled

Qualifications:

Completion of high school or GED certification required. One-year experience in custodial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial work. Experience may substitute for education. Ability to follow oral and written directions. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Concerned Constituents of A-1 District Meeting

July 8, 2013 at the Canton Community Center, 310 N. Garfield in Canton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 followed by meeting. All A-1 voters are encouraged to attend. For more information call (580) 623-0103.

TRIBAL TRIBUNE
DEADLINES
At 3 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month. Unless the 8th or 23rd falls on a weekend, it will be the Friday preceding.

Cheyenne & Arapaho
TRIBAL TRIBUNE
(405) 422-7608 or (405) 422-7446

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal offices will be closed, Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, 2013 in observance of Independence Day.

Offices will reopen on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 8 a.m.

Penpal
WANTED

Please write to Dustin Friday 460 Railroad St. Lander, WY 82520-2353

NOTICE FOR NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTION ADDRESS CHANGES

If you have moved, please update your newspaper subscription address directly to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune.

The newspaper office DOES NOT receive address updates from the Department of Enrollment nor the Per Capita office automatically.

You can forward your address change to C&A Tribal Tribune, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022, or call (405) 422-7608 or email rlyman@c-a-tribes.org.

Thank you.

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA FILED JUN 18 2013 IN THE TRIAL COURT
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MARALEE ANN WASSANA, Petitioner
vs.
CRAIG PHILLIP WASSANA, Respondent
Case No: JFD-2011-06

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **CRAIG PHILLIP WASSANA**

You are hereby notified that MARALEE ANN WASSANA has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **24th** day of **JULY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2013.

BY: Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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ADONSHIA CARNEY, Petitioner,
vs.
LEVI BEARBOW, Respondent,
Case No: CIV-2013-0037

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **LEVI BEARBOW**
724 KEMPER
CLINTON, OK 73601

You are hereby notified that ADONSHIA CARNEY has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, MARCELLA BEARBOW, minor child, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **10th** day of **JULY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 12th day of JUNE, 2013.

Pran Wilson, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Adonshia Carney
2725 Meyer Dr.
El Reno, OK 73036

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In the Matter of the Estate of:
PEGGY MARIE WEBSTER MAULDIN deceased
Case No. P-2013-02

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: All heirs of the deceased.

You are hereby notified that Danielle F. Wheeler Blas has filed in this Court a Petition For Probate of Will of the estate of Peggy Marie Webster Mauldin, deceased, , and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Court room of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **10TH** day of **JULY**, 2013 at **10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause why said Will should be Probated.

Dated this 7TH day of JUNE, 2013.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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Obituaries

Justin Lamar Cardwell
Sept. 13, 1980 - June 23, 2013

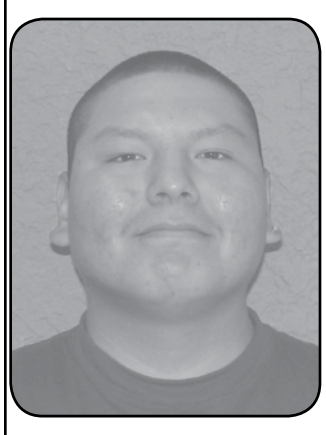
Justin Lamar Cardwell was born on Sept. 13, 1980 in Clinton, Okla. to Jason H. and Linda S. (Sullaway) Cardwell. He passed away on June 23, 2013 in Watonga, Okla. at the age of 32.

Justin attended John Marshall High School in San Antonio, Texas, and attended San Antonio College in San Antonio, Texas. Justin moved to Oklahoma in April of 2013. He worked for Belter Construction.

Justin loved music, he was an excellent guitar player, loved his kids, and his nephew, video games and guns. He was the great grandson of the late Henry and Blanche Whiteshield and was very proud of his Cheyenne heritage.

Survivors include, fiancé, Jennifer Kuntz of Weatherford, Okla., his parents, Jason and Linda Cardwell of Greensboro, NC, his children, Evan Layne Cardwell, Aurora Lynn Cardwell, of San Antonio, Texas, and Apple Lynnae of Lake Hills, Texas. His grandparents, Cleada Sullaway of Hinton, Okla., Marcy L. (Whiteshield) Cardwell of Weatherford, Okla., and C.W. Cardwell of Oklahoma City, his brother, Ryan L. Cardwell and wife Emily of Watonga, Okla., his sister, Miranda L. Cardwell of Austin, Texas, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Kenneth Sullaway, and uncle, Mike Sullaway. In lieu of flowers the family request memorial donations to St. Jude Children Center, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TX 38105 or stjude.org.

Services were held Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Hinton-Turner Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton, Okla. Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com.



James Ray Whiteman
April 2, 1987 - June 22, 2013

Funeral services were held for James Ray Whiteman on June 28, 2013 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer, MT.

An all night wake service was held for him on June 27, 2013 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lame Deer, MT.

Myra Hoof
June 14, 1955 - June 12, 2013

Funeral services were held for Myra Hoof on June 17, 2013 at the Seiling/Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla.

An all night wake service was held for her on June 16, 2013 at the Seiling/Fonda Community Center in Seiling, Okla.

John Kendrick Fletcher Sr.
Aug. 7, 1931 - June 17, 2013

Funeral services were held for John Kendrick Fletcher Jr. on June 21, 2013 at the Geary First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla.

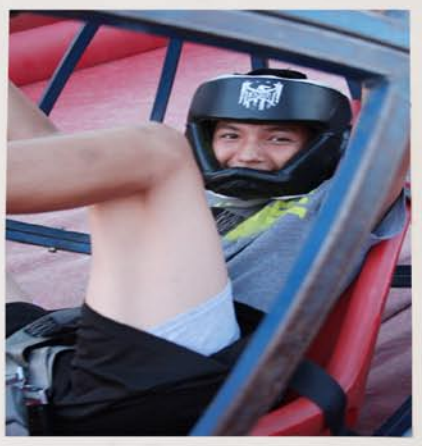
An all night wake service was held for him on June 20, 2013 at the Geary Community Center inn Geary, Okla.

Family FUN night

Hosted by R.E.Sp.E.C.T.

June 12, 2013

Photos by Rebecka Lyman



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Man behind company

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People will tell me God talked to me and I say well what did he say, what's his voice sound like, man, woman … I need to know, I am very inquisitive. Whatever talks to me has no voice. Has no dialect but it plugs things into me that I just know and how can I wake up in the morning and know solutions to problems that people with years of schooling and degrees don't have the answer to, but I can meditate on it, go to sleep and know the answer when I wake up. What do you call that, I don't know, but its not me, I am just a boy from Hammon, Okla., what would I know. So you talk about giving me things, people would say, 'Angels are looking after me.'"

Cardwell said there was nothing easy about building a company or maintaining a company.

"Everyday," he said, "You have to go out and kill it and bring the food back, just like the old days and the universe has a play in all of that and you can't control the universe … I tried. I have sacrificed a lot in my life with this company.

My 25-year marriage disintegrated, my relationship with my daughters suffered because I was always working. My health has suffered and I still work in the field. Physically I have problems with joints and stuff like that, but I use my energy more wisely now. You will sacrifice a lot and you have to handle that sacrifice, but you know if it was easy everyone would be doing it.

You are going to get scars and you're going to get cuts, but you know no one ever told me all of this stuff, I just wanted to work for myself and I learned as I went along. The evolution of my company, the steps were so subtle and so little they were easy to climb, but now they are not," Cardwell said. "Our company is very skilled. We do so many different things, but we are all built on skills. We got so diversified by necessity and if we had not diversified we would have been out of business. It was our abilities to keep adapting that has kept Brenco going … like it was our mechanical work that got us into Texas A&M Commerce and it was our concrete and steel work that got us into Texas A&M College Station, steel and electricity got us in with Seimens and the light rail business and my remodeling skills got us into those plants early on. Its amazing but we are an unique company, and man if one thing ain't working, then something else will be working and its hard to know but we always end up catching a fish and that's the hardest thing."

But Cardwell isn't just a player in the tough world of business ... he is a philanthropist.

His philanthropic efforts have supported both local and national communities through financial contributions, supplies and volunteers for the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Dallas, Back to School Fair, Native 5K Run in Phoenix, Ariz., the MADD Walk, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Dallas, Meals on Wheels and his biggest passion, his nonprofit, Native Re-Vision.

He said what he really feels like he was put on this earth for was to help American Indian kids reach their full potential, thus Native Re-Vision, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization which hosts the largest Native American All-Star Football Classic game every year.

"I will challenge these kids. I believe without a doubt that the cure for cancer will come from a Native American microbiologist … I just believe it. To have a Native American president one day would be really cool. All the tribes would say he's Native American, they wouldn't say what tribe is he from," Cardwell said. "We are all Native Americans and we are all one percent of the population and we need to band together and take care of each other and our country and these one percent that run the world have to understand if you get a Native American in office, he's the only person in the world that truly understands how the government works, or not. I grow these leaders at Native Re-Vision at the crossroads of their lives because they will be our leaders in the next ten years."

Native Re-Vision will host the Native All Star Football Classic (NASFC) this year at 7 p.m., July 6, 2013 at the Arlington based University of Texas (UT), Maverick Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Cardwell said it is an incredible event that brings honor to the game of football as well as to the American Indian. He has grown the game into the mainstream media, with ESPN Magazine and VYPE Sports Magazine committing to cover this year' event and Adidas has jumped on board as a sponsor of the event. Attendance at the game has grown from 50 people in 2009 to 320 in 2011, to 450 in 2012 and now an estimated 700-800 plus is expected to be in attendance at this year's game. Also, this year, the NASFC participants, coaches and guests have been invited to be part of one of the largest parades in Arlington, with over 40,000 spectators attending.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Above: The city of Dallas contracted Brenco to construct a gazebo area at a local park in the suburbs of Dallas.

Right: A steel structure in the process of being constructed at Brenco's 14-acre complex in Dallas, Texas.

Cardwell said that Native Re-Vision's mission is to get Native American athletes into a university so they can get a good education.

"We are seeing more and more Native American athletes with really good grades and a focus on the future. This is a good thing to see. It tells us that times are changing for the better," Cardwell said. "Most people know the stereotype of football players. They are not smart and they are all brawn and no brains. This is not what we are seeing out at our event. It seems our Native athletes are being more pro-active in working on their grades and seem more determined to make something out of their life."

And the evolution continues for Steve Cardwell.

"The hardest thing for a person to do is looking back and say I should have done that, or I should have done that. You cannot dwell on that perfect vision in hindsight. The evolution of my company, the steps were so subtle and so little they were easy to climb, but now they are not. I know life is always changing, maybe not quickly, maybe just a slow curve, but always changing and I will continue to change and adapt in an ever changing world."

For more information about Brenco Industrial Services, LLC. Visit www.brenco-llc.com and to learn more about Native Re-Vision visit www.nativerevision.org.